

MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday, 25th April 2024 7.30 pm, Kemnay Village Hall, with Zoom link available

Present: Gaenor Berkin(Chair); Lee Aitken (Vice Chair); John Whittall (Treasurer); Fran Patrick (Secretary); Margaret Basley(via Zoom); Pauline Paterson; Suzanne Bunton; Gabby Stevens; Sue Wainman; Dan Johnston; Brian Cowie; Richard Lamplugh; Cllr Grant(via Zoom)

Apologies: Cllr Smith; Cllr Payne

Attending: None

1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES – The Chair welcomed those attending and gave apologies as above.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/AUDIO RECORDINGS/MEETING PROTOCOL – All present reminded that anyone who wished to contribute to the discussion should raise their hand and be invited to speak by the Chair. Only record will be the minutes taken by the Secretary.

3 MINUTES OF MEETING 28th March 2024 – Minutes of meeting were previously circulated and proposed as accurate by J Whittall seconded S Bunton.

4 POLICE MATTERS – Report received and circulated. Continued low reported crime numbers, although youth disorder seems to be increasing. This is also an issue in other places, with youths travelling between settlements by bus. (**Action:** Secretary to contact police and ask for an update and whether withdrawing bus passes for a time might be a possible deterrent. Also, to ask if the incidents reported under the ‘theft’ heading can be broken down to give more detail – eg. to indicate whether ‘housebreaking’ or ‘shoplifting’.)
There has been police speed monitoring on Bridge Road.

5. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK – None

6. KEMNAY RESILIENCE -

- a) *Community Resilience Planning/Community Larder:* Community Toolkit (SSEN) – information on Priority Services Register, which has now been circulated and people are encouraged to sign up to it, if they feel they might need priority help in an emergency. (<https://www.ssen.co.uk/power-cuts-emergencies/priority-services/community-toolkit/>) Aberdeenshire Community Resilience Framework has been discussed by Resilience Group and comments to be passed on. An updated Resilience Plan has been sent to the village website for updating. A volunteer has come forward to offer manual handling training. (**Action:** G Berkin to organise.) Lend a Hand Kemnay/Community Larder is very grateful for the donation from the John Adam Trust. An application has gone into the Acorn Centre, which is currently offering small grants to local community groups.
- b) *PADs:* No report received but not aware of any use/issues; no update on the alarm batteries. A letter of thanks has been sent to Mr & Mrs Whitehead for their recent donation to the PADs fund. Further funding still being sought.
- c) *Flooding:* Potential Vulnerable Areas Consultation – for information only as far as Kemnay concerned.

7. MATTERS ARISING -

- a) **Roads & Transport Issues** – *Minibus:* Clarification has been received from Ann Overton, Garioch Area Officer, re the £16 000. Fairly open to how it is used but the needs of the community will have to be explored and identified. A meeting is to be held next month with R Mackay and I Booth. Neighbouring community councils (Kintore and Cluny, Midmar & Monymusk) have been contacted. *Speeding & Parking:* Correspondence has been received about speeding at the new road layout near Milton Meadows. (**Action:** Secretary to pass on to Garioch Area Office and Roads Dept.) Noted that the pavement there has still not been constructed. A Overton has been informed and is chasing up with enforcement. Police have been dealing with inconsiderate/illegal parking at the top of the High Street opposite Kemnay Primary. There are still issues with poor parking on Station Road. (**Action:** Secretary to inform the police.)
- b) **Community Council Insurance** – A response has been received from A Overton explaining how the community council grants are administered and pointing out other potential sources of funding. She has acknowledged the additional financial burden caused by the insurance requirements of resilience work and will monitor the situation.
- c) **Participation Request Proposals Conference** - For information. KCC has not been involved with this, but some councillors might be interested in finding out more about it.

8. TREASURER REPORT – The accounts are being audited; £250 donation has come in for the PADs fund. Anti-virus protection (£25) and Microsoft software (£79) has been purchased for the new KCC laptop. Suggested that the anti-virus protection is probably not needed. (**Action:** Secretary to look into this.)

9. PLANNING MATTERS & APPLICATIONS –

a) **Current planning applications** – No action to be taken on:

<u>Erection of Agricultural Shed</u>	Bogbeth Rise, Kemnay	Ref. No: APP/2024/0309
<u>Formation of Access Road</u>	Tappies Farm	Ref. No: APP/2024/0608

10. REPORTS -

a) **Garioch (& North Marr) Safety Group (GNMS)** – No meeting.

b) **Garioch Area Community Council Forum (GACCF)** - No meeting.

c) **Community Planning** – Joint meeting held a few weeks ago. It was interesting but not particularly relevant to community councils.

d) **Greener Kemnay** – Been very busy; a lot is happening in May. The Open Day is on 11th May and KCC is invited to attend. Boules games will be running, there will be a 'bring your own' barbecue. Birds is the theme this year. Energy Group: on Thursday, 2nd May, five people are coming along to the Village Hall to share their experience of retrofitting their properties. An opportunity to hear their stories and to ask questions and discuss potential pitfalls, etc.

Work has been done on the GK website, with help from John Berkin. New email: info@greenerkemnay.org.uk Looking for feedback on the website. Kemnay Steens – information to go on the boards has now been agreed.

Thanks expressed to Sue Wainman for the great amount of planting around the village. Good to see that the Academy is also getting involved.

'It's Your Neighbourhood' is part of the Keep Scotland Beautiful Campaign and Kemnay, under KCC, has applied. The information on the village can now be seen on the Keep Scotland Beautiful website. Ian Mitchell, Aberdeenshire Council, is going to see if there are any wildflower seeds available for the riverside Path. Compost is needed, if anyone has any spare.

e) **Garioch Area Local Learning Partnership (GALLP)** – No update.

f) **KAPC/KPPC/APPC** – KAPC - S Wainman to attend an event to meet the new Academy Headteacher. APPC – next meeting on 25th June, F Patrick hoping to attend, if invited. Plans ongoing for the annual Duck Race.

g) **Press Reports**– An article on the Burnett Arms being available for lease at a very low initial rate.

11. ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL/COUNCILLOR NEWS -

Cllr Grant: Garioch Area Committee has been held, mainly dealt with planning but community council grants were also agreed. Also attended a short full council meeting and has been busy with case work.

12. CORRESPONDENCE (including from the previous month)

a) **Correspondence from the Council** - was circulated prior to the meeting.

- April to June Roadworks
- Pilot Project Request for Groups; Suicide Prevention Action Plan
- Trading Standards Bulletin No. 87
- Community Council Insurance
- Meeting with Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals
- Garioch Area Committee Agenda 23 April 2024
- Updated Garioch Area Committee Agenda 23 April 2024
- Update to FAQs – single election date
- SCDC Participation Request Proposals Conference 15th May
- Garioch Community Planning E-Bulletin – April 2024
- Post Webinar Mailing – Slides and useful links – Empty Homes Advice Service
- Scams Bulletin No.88
- Aberdeenshire Council service points media release 23 April 2024
- Aberdeenshire urban gulls release 23 April 2024

b) **General Correspondence Received** - was circulated prior to the meeting.

- Disrupting Criminal Dumpers SEPA
- Age Scotland Friendship Services
- Potential Vulnerable Areas Consultation - SEPA
- SSEN PSR Digital Toolkit
- Email from resident re speeding at new road layout
- Kintore Hydrogen Proposals
- Have your say on Scottish health and care decisions (NHS Healthcare Improvement Scotland)

13. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS TO SPEAK – *L Aitken*: Christmas Lights - A new member has joined the Christmas lights group, which has met and agreed to purchase another three replacement motifs for the lamp-post display; looking at different sources for grant funding to help store and maintain the Christmas lights. Planning to have a n open meeting in June to see if anyone is interested in organising a Christmas lights switch-on event. R Lamplugh is to attend the next meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee to discuss whether a socket and/or bracket can be installed for the motif on the front of the Hall. Litter – a resident has commented on the litter and 'smoking' by young people on Heron Way. This has been reported to the Academy, others are encouraged to report any incidents of littering, etc to the Academy. *G Stevens*: Is there anything KCC can do to assist the Village Hall Management Committee with a potential asset transfer, as outlined in this month's Newsletter? It might be useful to have regular updates on progress. (**Action:** Secretary to add this as a standing item on KCC agenda.) Community Council Elections – what is the process for putting forward nominations? (Secretary has circulated an email giving the FAQs - all community councillors stand down on 18th September; closing date for nominations is 8th September, election on 20th September; paperwork and organisation of ballot usually arranged by Alison Cumming, Aberdeenshire Council; KCC constitution may need to be amended.) *D Johnston*: Asked about Active Travel Routes – very slow progress, it would seem, on the Kemnay route, with a section by section review to be held by the end of the year. Also asked about Aberdeenshire Council's approach to sustainability – it would appear that Aberdeenshire Council is doing a lot of work on this; S Wainman to share links to information on this. *S Wainman*: Oil spill at Littlewood Court has now been declared cleared, some residue does remain but not enough to cause issues. *R Lamplugh*: has been contacted by a resident with no digital access to report re potholes. The pothole to be registered on the reporting site was first reported in 2022. Understands that there is a priority system and that there are manyother potholes around the village, but it is frustrating nonetheless.

**Date of next meeting: Thursday, 30th May 2024
7.30pm at Kemnay Village Hall, with Zoom link available**